

01-103 Mental Health Advocacy Service

The Mental Health Advocacy Service (MHAS) is a statewide service established to provide legal counsel and representation to mentally disabled persons and to ensure that their legal rights are protected (LSA-R.S. 28:2(13)). The MHAS handles virtually every mental health commitment hearing in Louisiana and provides legal representation on matters pertaining to legal competency and patient rights. The service furnishes legal representation during the initial stages of confinement of mentally ill persons and after commitment has occurred in order to comply with a federal court order, Brad G v. Treen, C.A. #81-1094 (E.D. La.) and with state law, LSA-R.S. 28:55(C). The MHAS has a Table of Organization (T.O.) of 15 persons statewide in six separate offices (administrative Headquarters in Baton Rouge and five filed offices).

The MHAS is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of nine members represented from: the deans of the law school or their designated faculty member for Loyola, Tulane, Southern and LSU, from the medical schools at LSU and Tulane; the president of the Mental Health Association of Louisiana or his representative; and a selected member from the Louisiana Medical Society and the Louisiana Bar Association as required by L.R.S. 28:64 (B).

The Mental Health Advocacy Service has only one program, Administrative. Therefore the mission and goals of the Mental Health Advocacy Service are the same as those listed for the Administrative program in the description that follows.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 1999 - 2000	ACT 11 2000 - 2001	EXISTING 2000 - 2001	CONTINUATION 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$747,028	\$700,931	\$700,931	\$743,376	\$806,265	\$105,334
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$747,028	\$700,931	\$700,931	\$743,376	\$806,265	\$105,334
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administrative	\$747,028	\$700,931	\$700,931	\$743,376	\$806,265	\$105,334
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$747,028	\$700,931	\$700,931	\$743,376	\$806,265	\$105,334
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	14	12	12	12	14	2
Unclassified	1	1	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	15	13	13	13	15	2

This agency's recommended appropriation does not include any funds for short-term debt.

This agency does not have any long-term debt for Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and/or the Teachers' Retirement System and/or the State Police Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct)	\$37,967
Total	\$37,967